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ABSTRACT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Among the prime objectives of agricultural remote sensing is the early and accurate estimation of agricultural production in a manner superior to that of more conventional means. The first step in that direction is the identification of crop types, which usually is accomplished by means of multi-date observations of the particular test site or area of interest. Once the identities of the various field-covers in a given area have been determined, crop acreage can be estimated. In order to estimate crop production reliably, an estimate of yield-per-unit-area is needed for each of the crop types or fields concerned. In Section 2, traditional as well as remote-sensing approaches to crop yield estimation are discussed.

Several papers have been published over the past few years documenting the ability of radar to identify crop types correctly, i.e., with a classification accuracy of 90 percent or higher, based on two or three multi-date observations (Bush and Ulaby, 1978; Li et al., 1980; Hoogeboom et al., 1982; Brisco and Protz, 1981; and Shanmugan et al., 1983). The purpose this paper Is examine relationship between the radar backscattering coefficient of a (σ°_{can}) and the canopy's leaf-area-index (LAI), the vegetation canopy latter being related to the solar radiation intercepted by the camopy, which in turn is a fundamental component of crop-yield models. The means of such an examination is based on an analysis of experimental data in terms of a modified form of the camppy "cloud" model of Attema and Ulaby (1978).

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2.0 CROP YIELD AND LAI

The yield of a particular crop is a function of many variables, including the nutrients available to it and the weather conditions affecting it over the growing season. Saccessfully estimating a crop's yield requires knowledge of factors that include the health of the plants and their vigor at various points in time, the amount of fertilizer and water available to them, and hourly or dally weather-condition information (Daughtry et al., 1980). Meteorological information is available from organizations such as NOAA for the United States related regions, and from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for worldwide weather monitoring.

Early attempts to predict yields were based upon such factors as previous years' yield, improvements in technology, and the effects of current weather conditions (MacDonald and Hall, 1986). By incorporating a priori knowledge such as soil type and water-table level, estimates of soil moisture information are added to the model, thus improving its predictive capacity. The amount of available solar radiation, which is the basic source of energy in the process of photosynthesis, is also a major determinant of overall yield.

As an energy source, solar radiation is available to the plant only when it interacts with the leaves. Thus, an estimate of the total area of exposed and active leaves, in conjunction with incident solar radiation, provides another measure of crop performance, and consequently of final yield. This was the reasoning used by Dale (1977) in the development of the energy-crop-growth (ECG) model. This model

takes the form:

ECG =
$$\sum_{j=t_1}^{t_2} (SR/600)_{j} (SRI)_{j} (WF)_{j} (FT)_{j}$$
 (1)

where SR is the daily solar radiation, WF is the ratio of daily evapotranspiration to potential evapotranspiration (Stuff et al., 1978), and FT is a daily temperature function that relates growth rate to temperature (Coelho and Daie, 1980). The term "solar radiation intercepted" (SRI) refers to the component that relates the available energy to that interacting with the leaves (Linvill et al., 1978).

For the maize (corn) canopy, Linvill et al., (1978) has related SRI to leaf area index (LAI) using the following equation:

$$SRI = 1 - exp(-0.79 \cdot LAI)$$
 (2)

which has a range from zero to one and reaches 90 percent when LAI is about 2.9, as shown in Figure 1.

Investigators working in the optical region of the electromagnetic spectrum have related the ratio of an IR-band radiance and a red-band radiance to LAI to monitor plant performance for corn and wheat (Daughtry et al., 1980; Tucker et al., 1981). They have found that by integrating this ratio over a given period of time, accumulated dry matter, which is related to yield, may be estimated.

A correlation of 0.89 was reported between LAI and "greenness" for corn by Daughtry et al., (1982), and a correlation of 0.84 between the true yield of corn and its estimated yield, based upon meteorological data and spectral data, was also reported.

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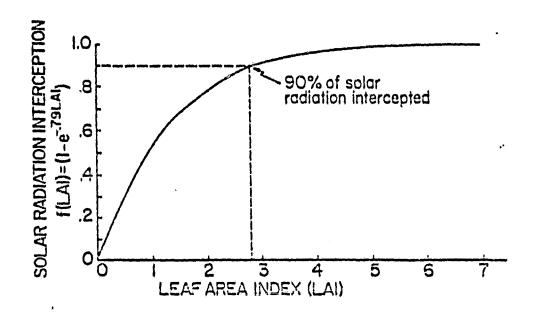


Figure 1. Solar radiation weighting factor for determining interception of solar energy by crop as a function of its leaf-area index (from Daughtry et al., 1982).

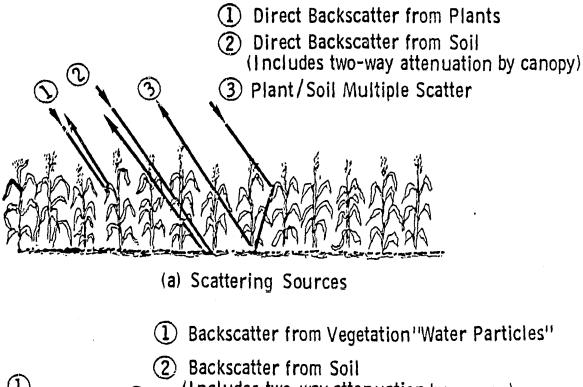
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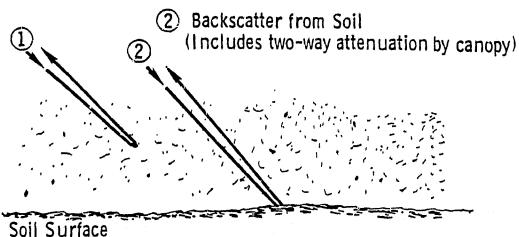
3.0 <u>YEGETATION CANOPY MODEL</u>

In the microwave region, a vegetation canopy may be modeled as a lossy volume of scattering elements, bounded by air above and by a scattering soil surface below (Figure 2a). The backscattering coefficient $\sigma_{\rm can}^0$ represents the sum of the contributions from the canopy itself, from direct backscattering by the soil (including two-way attenuation to account for propagation between the air-canopy boundary and the canopy-soil boundary and back), and from multiple scattering between the canopy scattering elements and the soil surface.

in general, the scattering behavior of the canopy volume is governed by the dielectric properties and geometric configurations of the scattering elements (leaves, stalks, and fruit), the latter being defined with respect to the wavelength, direction. and polariantion of the incident wave. A first-order canopy backscattering mocel was developed by Attema and Ulaby (1978), who treated the canopy as a water cloud consisting of a collection of identical water particles (Fig. 2b) characterized by a uniform scattering phase function. water-cloud assumption is a consequence of the domination of the dielectric constant of green vegetation (which is a mixture of vegetative matter and water) by the dielectric constant of water; while the relative dielectric constant of water is about 80 (below 10 GHz), the dielectric constant of dry vegetation is on the order of 2 to 3 (Carlson. 1967: Jedlicka et al., 1983). Ignoring contributions resulting from multiple scattering between the canopy particles and the soil surface, the backscattering coefficient of the canopy (including

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(b) Equivalent Cloud Model

Figure 2. Backscattering contributions from a vegetation canopy,
(a) scattering sources, and (b) equivalent "cloud"
representation in terms of water scatterers.

soil contributions) is given by:

$$\sigma_{\text{can}}^{\circ}(\theta) = \sigma_{\text{veg}}^{\circ}(\theta) + \sigma_{\text{soil}}^{\circ}(\theta)$$

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where $\sigma_{\text{Veg}}^{\text{O}}$ is the contribution of the vegetation volume, $\sigma_{\text{SO}|I}^{\text{O}}$ is the backscattering contribution of the soil surface in the presence of vegetation cover, and θ is the angle of incidence relative to nadir. Assuming the scattering water particles to be uniformly distributed within the canopy volume, Attema and Ulaby (1978) derived an expression for $\sigma_{\text{Veg}}^{\text{O}}(\theta)$ by integrating the backscattering contributions of thin strata between the air-vegetation boundary and the vegetation-soil boundary,

$$\sigma_{\text{Veg}}^{0}(\theta) = \frac{\sigma_{\text{V}} \cos \theta}{2 \kappa_{\theta}} [1 - \tau^{2} (\theta)], \quad m^{2} m^{-2}$$
(4)

where

$$T^{2}(\theta) = \exp(-2\kappa_{\theta} + \sec\theta)$$
 (5)

h = canopy height, m,

 κ_e = canopy extinction coefficient, m^{-1} ,

 $\sigma_{\rm V}$ = canopy volume backscattering coefficient, m⁻¹, and T² is the two-way transmission coefficient of the canopy, m² m⁻².

The soil backscattering coefficient, $\sigma_{\text{soil}}^{\text{O}}(\theta)$, depends on the soil's surface roughness and its dielectric properties, the latter being governed strongly by the moisture content of the soil surface layer. When radar is used as a vegetation monitor, the angle of incidence θ usually is chosen to be greater than 40° and the wavelength is chosen to be on the order of 3 cm or shorter. Both choices are made, in part, in

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order to make T as small as possible, thereby decreasing the soil backscattering contribution (the second term in (3)) to a negligible level in comparison to the vegetation backscattering contribution. If the second term in (3) is indeed much smaller than the first, it may be neglected. In general, however, $\sigma_{\text{Soil}}^{\text{O}}$ may be described by the simple expression (Attema and Ulaby, 1978):

$$\sigma_{\text{soll}(\theta)}^{0} = \left[C(\theta) \, \, m_{\text{S}} \right] \, T^{2}(\theta) \tag{6}$$

where $C(\theta)$ is a constant for a given wavelength and polarization configuration, and m_S is the soil moisture content. In general, $C(\theta)$ is a function of the soil surface roughness, but if $\lambda \leq 3$ cm, $C(\theta)$ is approximately roughness-independent over the range of random roughness usually encountered in the case of agricultural crops.

4.0 Cloud Model in Terms of Canopy Water Content

Attema and Ulaby (1978) assumed that the "equivalent" scattering water particles of the vegetation volume are all spherical in shape, identical in size, and small relative to the wavelength λ , in which case,

$$\sigma_{V} = N \sigma_{b} \tag{7}$$

$$\kappa_e = N Q_e$$
 (8)

where $N(m^{-3})$ is the number of scattering particles per unit volume and $\sigma_b(m^2)$ and $Q_e(m^2)$ are the backscattering cross-section and extinction cross-section for a single particle, respectively. For an atmospheric water cloud, κ_e is directly proportional to the cloud's volumetric water

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content $\mathbf{m_{V}}$ (kg $\mathbf{m^{-3}}$). Hence, for the canopy "cloud," κ_{Θ} may be expressed as

$$\kappa_{e} = A_{1} m_{V} \tag{9}$$

where A_1 is considered a constant at a given wavelength λ . In general, A_1 may also be a function of the physical temperature of the canopy (through the temperature dependence of the dielectric constant of water), the wave polarization, and the shapes and sizes of the real scattering elements (leaves, stalks, and fruit). Approaches that incorporate some of the geometrical characteristics of the canopy are discussed in the next section.

Similarly,

$$\sigma_{V} = A_{2} m_{V} \tag{10}$$

where A2 is a constant, and

$$\frac{\sigma_{V}}{2 \kappa_{e}} = \frac{A_{1}}{2 A_{2}} \stackrel{\Delta}{=} A_{3}. \tag{11}$$

Hence, the above ratio, which appears as the front part of the expression given by (4), is a constant. This is a consequence of the assumption that all the equivalent water particles are spherical in shape and identical in size. If the particles are spherical, but their sizes are distributed over a range of values, the relation given by (9) will continue to hold, but that given by (10) may not. For an atmospheric cloud, for example, $\sigma_{\rm V}$ is proportional to $m_{\rm V}^2$ rather than to $m_{\rm V}$. Hence, in general, the ratio on the right-hand side of (11) may

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be written in the form:

$$\frac{\sigma_{V}}{2 \kappa_{e}} = A_4 m_{V}^{X} \tag{12}$$

where x is a constant exponent.

Upon inserting (4), (6), (9), and (12) into (3) and (5), the following expressions are obtained:

$$\sigma_{\text{can}}^{0}(\theta) = A_{4} \, m_{V}^{X} \, \cos\theta \left[1 - T^{2}(\theta)\right] + T^{2}(\theta) \, C(\theta) \, m_{S}$$

$$(13)$$

and

$$T^{2}(\theta) = \exp(-2 A_1 m_V h \sec \theta)$$
 (14)

where A_1 , A_4 , C, and x are constants for a given crop type and sensor configuration (wavelength, polarization, and incidence angle), m_{V} and h are physical parameters of the vegetation canopy, and $m_{
m s}$ is the soil moisture content. As was mentioned earlier, Attema and Ulaby (1978) assumed that the particles are all identical in size, which corresponds to the case where x = 0. By regressing experimental data against a model of the form given in (13), they determined the values of A_1 , A_4 , and C for several crops at each of several frequencies. In a more recent study, Hoekman et al. (1982) also found the cloud model to provide a good description of the temporal behavior backscattering coefficient for several crop types. For cereal grains, however, the model failed to predict the large changes in σ_{can}^0 that were observed in conjunction with the appearance of the heads. This led Hoekman et al. (1982) to subdivide the vegetation layer into two layers: a lower layer representing the stalks and leaves, and an upper layer ORIGINAL PAGE IS

OF POOR QUALITY representing the ears or heads. Using this two-layer form of the model, they obtained good agreement between measured and model-predicted values of $\sigma_{\rm can}^{\rm o}$ over the full growth cycle for each of eight crops.

5.0 DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIMENT

In an effort to investigate further the connection between the physical parameters of the canopy (m_V , h, LAI, etc.) and the radar backscattering coefficient σ_{can}^0 , field experiments were conducted at a test site near Manhattan, Kansas, during the growing seasons of 1979 and 1980. The experiments were conducted by the Remote Sensing Laboratory at the University of Kansas in cooperation with the Evapotranspiration Laboratory at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

A truck-mounted scatterometer was used to measure σ_{can}^{0} at 8.6, 13.0, 17.0, and 35.6 GHz (or equivalently, λ = 3.5 cm, 2.3 cm, 1.76 cm, and 8.4 mm). A total of 14 fields were observed in 1979, six each of corn and sorghum, and two of wheat (see Table 1). Each observation sequence consisted of measurements at angles of incidence θ of 30°, 50°, and 70° for each of three linear polarization configurations (HH, HV, VV). In 1980, the observations were limited to θ = 50°, and the number of fields was reduced to six, thereby increasing the number of temporal observations per field from an average of seven for 1979 to 23 for 1980.

In support of and contemporaneously with the radar observations, several plant- and soil-properties were measured, including plant height, the fresh weight $W_{\rm W}$ and dry weight $W_{\rm d}$ of individual plant parts (leaves, stalks, and fruit), plus the density of the whole plant, the

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TABLE 1
Experiment Data Summary

	11	979 Experiment	
Crop	No. of Fields	Start/Stop Dates	No. of Observations Per Field
Wheat	2	4/26 - 7/2	10
Corn	6	6/5 - 9/11	6
Sorghum	6	6/5 - 9/11	6

1980 Experiment									
Crop	No. of Fields	Start/Stop Dates	No. of Observations Per Field						
Corn	· 3	6/6 - 9/10	23						
Sorghum	3	6/6 - 9/10	24						

Radar Parameters

Angle of incidence θ : 50° (also 30° and 70° in 1979)

Polarization: VV, VH, HH

Frequencies: 8.6, 13.0, 17.0, 35.6 GHz

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LAI, soil moisture content m_s , planting density N_p (plants m^{-2}), and stage of growth. The volumetric water content of the canopy can be determined from:

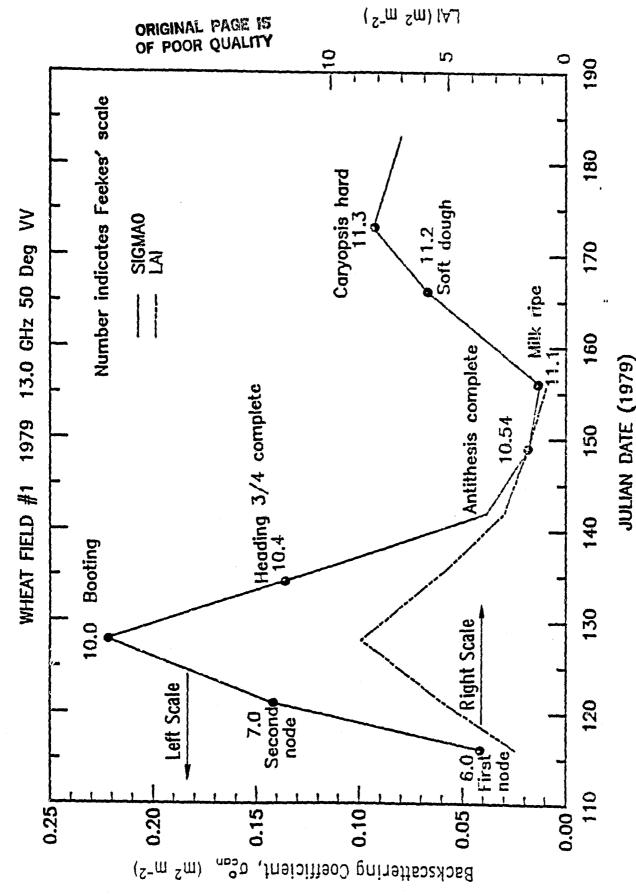
$$m_V = (W_W - W_d) N_p/h \tag{15}$$

where Ww and Wd are the average wet and dry weights of an entire plant.

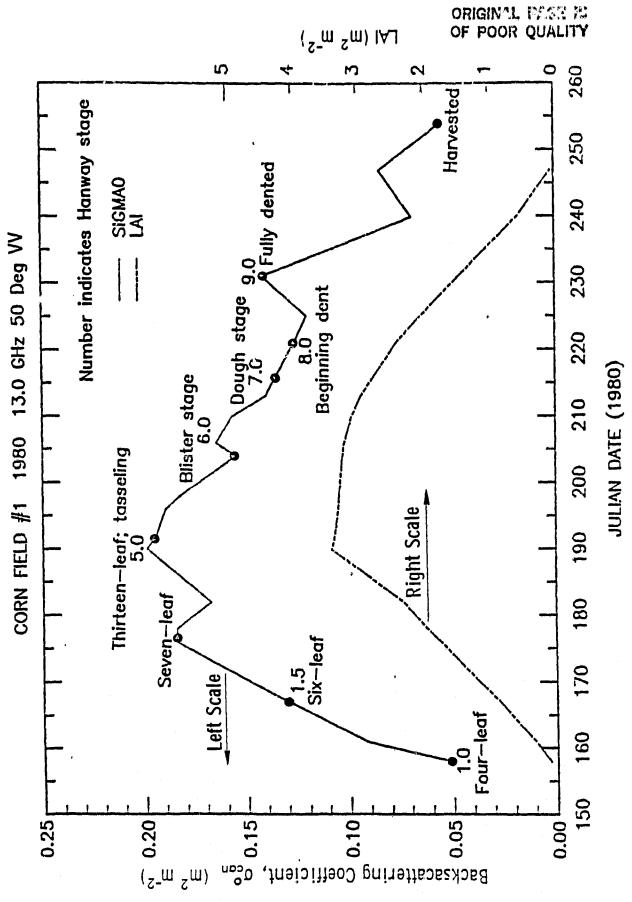
Examples of the observed temporal patterns of $\sigma_{\text{can}}^{\text{O}}$ are shown in Figures 3 to 5 for winter wheat, corn, and sorghum, all at 13.0 GHz, θ = 50° , and VV polarization configuration. Also shown in these figures are plots of the green-leaf area index, which show a fair degree of similarity to the plots of $\sigma_{\text{can}}^{\circ}$, except for the period preceding harvest. It was also observed from the field data that the leaf-area-index (LAI) was highly correlated to the dry and to the wet (leaf) vegetation biomasses. This proves to be an important link, as will become apparent in the next section.

6.0 Multi-Component Cloud Model

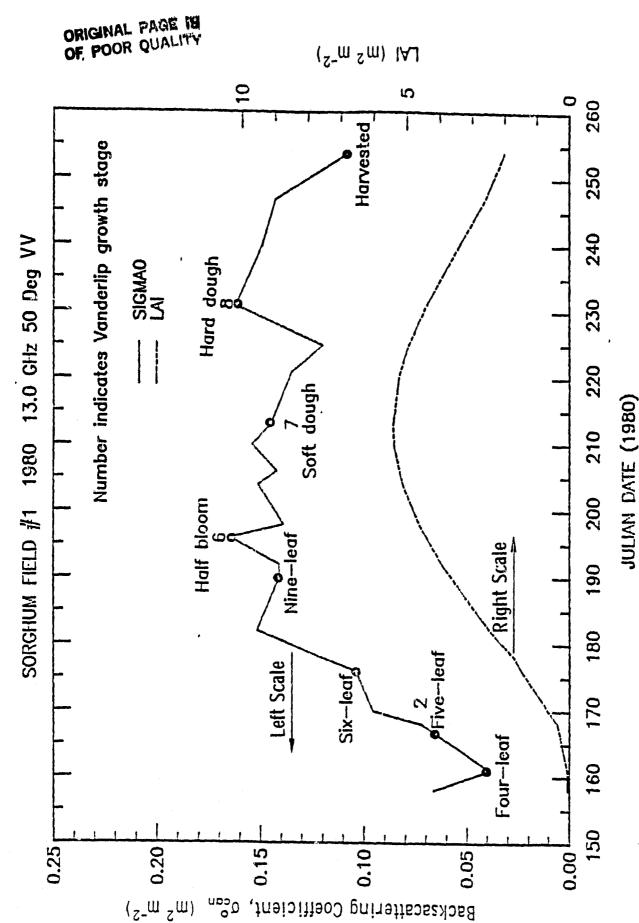
After completion of the processing and calibration of the data described in the previous section, the data were used to evaluate the applicability of the model given by (13). First, the model was evaluated by correlating the measured value of $\sigma_{\text{can}}^{\text{O}}$ to the value calculated using (13) with the constants A₁, A₄, and C being assigned the values that were determined by Attema and Ulaby (1978). This



Measured temporal patterns of the backscattering coefficient and leaf-area index (LAI) of a wheat field. Stage of growth is indicated by the Feekes scale (Large, 1954). Figure 3.



Measured temporal patterns of the backscattering coefficient and leaf-area index (LAI) of a corn field. Stage of growth is indicated by the Hanway stage (Hanway, 1971). Figure 4.



Stage of growth is indicated by the Vanderlip growth stage (Vanderlip, 1972). Measured temporal patterns of the backscattering coefficient and leaf-area index (LAI) of a sorghum field. Stage of growth is indicated by the Vanderlip growth stage (Vander Figure 5.

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resulted in a linear correlation coefficient ρ between 0.6 and 0.8 (for the various combinations of crop type, microwave frequency, angle of incidence, and polarization). Next, another correlation analysis between measured and calculated values of σ_{can}^0 was performed, except this time the constants were first determined empirically by regressing the data against the model. Some improvement in the magnitude of ρ was obtained, but ρ exceeded 0.8 only in a few cases.

To improve the applicability of the cloud model, two modifications were made, both of which resulted in better agreement between the measured temporal pattern of $\sigma_{\rm can}^0$ and that calculated by the model.

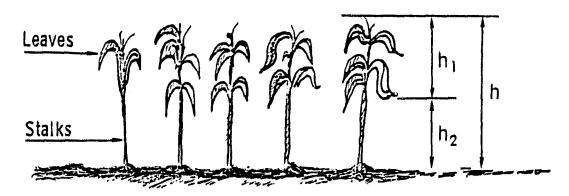
6.1 Corn and Sorahum

The first modification provides for separate accounting for the radar backscattering contributions of the leaves, the stalks, and the soil. For corn and sorghum, the canopy was assumed to consist of two layers: an upper layer of height h₁, dominated by leaves, and a lower layer of height h₂, dominated by stalks (Figure 6a). The backscatter contribution of the fruit was ignored, in part to simplify the model, and in part because of the results of a defoliation experiment for corn which showed that the backscattering contribution of the fruits is much smaller than that of the stalks or leaves (Ulaby, 1982). These assumptions lead to:

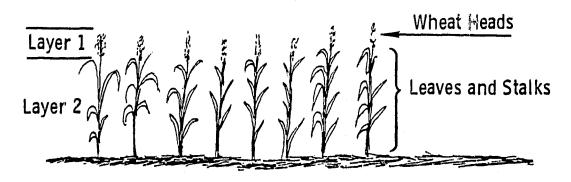
$$\sigma_{\text{can}}^{\circ}(\theta) = \sigma_{\text{leaf}}^{\circ}(\theta)$$

$$+ \sigma_{\text{stalk}}^{\circ}(\theta) + \sigma_{\text{soil}}^{\circ}(\theta)$$
(16)

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(a) Two-Layer Model for Corn and Sorghum



(b) Model for Wheat after Heading

Figure 6. Two-layer model for (a) corn and sorghum, and (b) for wheat after heading.

where $\sigma_{leaf}^{2}(\theta)$ has the same form as (4), OF POOR QUALITY

$$\sigma_{leaf}^{0}(\theta) = \frac{\sigma_{vl} \cos \theta}{2 \kappa_{el}} \left[1 - T_{leaf}^{2}(\theta)\right], \tag{17}$$

and
$$T_{leaf}^{2}(\theta) = exp(-2 \kappa_{el} h_{1} sec\theta)$$
. (18)

In the above expressions, h₁ is the "effective" height of the top layer, assumed to consist of leaves exclusively, and σ_{VL} and κ_{eL} are the volume backscattering coefficient and extinction coefficient of that layer. The stalk's contribution was assumed to be given by:

$$\sigma_{\text{stalk}}^{0}(\theta) = T_{\text{leaf}}^{2}(\theta) \sigma_{\text{stalk}}^{0}(\theta; h_{1} = 0)$$
(19)

where σ_{stalk}^0 (h₁ = 0) is the stalk contribution in the absence of leaves. Finally, the soil component is given by a form similar to that of (6) except that the attenuation through the canopy is now due to two layers: a top layer with transmission coefficient T_{leaf} and a lower layer with transmission coefficient T_{stalk} ,

$$\sigma_{\text{Soil}}^{0}(\theta) = [C(\theta) \, m_{\text{S}}] \, T_{\text{leaf}}^{2}(\theta) \, T_{\text{stalk}}^{2}(\theta),$$
 (20)

where

$$T_{s+a|k}(\theta) = \exp(-2 \kappa_{es} h_2 \sec \theta)$$
 (21)

and $\kappa_{f es}$ is extinction coefficient of the stalk layer.

The second modification to the model involves the use of green LAI. In Section 4, σ_{can}^0 was expressed in terms of three physical parameters: the soil moisture content m_s, the volumetric water content of the canopy m_v, and the canopy height h. Actually, the key quantity driving the

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model is the product myh, which represents the total amount of integrated water contained in a vertical column of unity horizontal cross-section. The model in this section divides the canopy into two layers, with the top layer assumed to contain essentially all the leaves and the bottom layer—umed to contain the entire length of the stalk. The quantity myhl for the top layer is related to the wet and dry blomasses of the leaves, which in turn, are related to the green LAI (Zrust et al., 1974; Ashley et al., 1965; Aase, 1978; Holben et al., 1980). Hence, instead of expressing Tleaf in terms of myhl (as in (14)), it will be defined in terms of LAI:

$$T_{leaf}^{2}(\theta) = exp(-2 B_{leaf} LAI sec\theta).$$
 (22)

For the stalk layer, it will be assumed that the scattering by the stalks, as well as the attenuation by them, is proportional to $m_V h_2$ where m_V is the volumetric water content of the stalk layer, hence,

$$\sigma_{\text{stalk}}^{\text{o}} = A_{\text{stalk}} m_{\text{v}} h_{2} T_{\text{leaf}}(\theta) \sin \theta$$
 (23)

and

$$T_{s+alk}^2(\theta) = exp(-2 B_{s+alk} m_V h_2 sec\theta)$$
 (24)

where Astaik and Bstaik are constants (for a given crop type, microwave frequency, and polarization). Finally, it will be assumed that the ratio $\sigma_{\rm V} g/\kappa_{\rm e} g$ obeys the assumptions that ied earlier to (11). Grouping the above terms leads to:

$$\sigma_{\text{can}}^{\text{O}}(\theta) = \text{Aleaf cos}\theta[1 - T^{2}_{\text{leaf}}(\theta)]$$

$$\text{Astalk mvh2 } T^{2}_{\text{leaf}}(\theta) \text{ sin } \theta$$

$$+ [C_{\text{soil}}(\theta)] \text{ ms] } T^{2}_{\text{leaf}}(\theta) \text{ Tatalk}(\theta)$$
(25)

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The above expression contains five coefficients and three physical parameters: (a) green Lki, (b) mvh2, the total water content of the stalks per unit area, and (c) ms, the volumetric soil moisture content. The coefficients were determined by using a non-linear regression program that minimizes the least-squares error between the predicted and Data from all three fields (of 1980 sorghum or 1980 observed values. corn) were used to generate the coefficients, and then the model was used to predict the temporal pattern of σ^0 for each field individually. The values of the coeffcients obtained are given in Tables 2 and 3 for corn and sorghum, respectively. Also given is the linear correlation coefficient between the measured and predicted values of $\sigma_{ extsf{can}}^{ extsf{o}}$ for each field at each of the four frequencies. Figures 7 and 8 show comparisons for corn and sorghum, respectively. Each figure contains a plot of the predicted σ_{can}^{o} , denoted σ_{pred}^{o} , as well as plots of its component contributions as defined by (16) or by the three individual terms in (25). It is observed that:

- (a) Except for the period prior to Julian day 170 (for which the plant height was less than 0.8 m for corn and less than 0.6 m for sorghum) and for the pre-harvest period after Julian day 240, the leaves provide the overwhelming majority of the backscattered energy.
 - (b) The soil and stalk terms are important only if LAI < 0.5.
- (c) The stalk attenuation coefficient, B_{stalk} , was found to be very small in magnitude, and when it was set equal to zero (i.e. setting $T_{stalk} = 1$), the model remained effectively the same.
- (d) A better fit could be obtained for corn if the leaf attenuation coefficients, B_{leaf} , were to be assigned different values for the two periods before and after Julian day 190, which corresponds to the date

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TABLE 2 Coefficients for the Corn Model Given by Equation (25) Rewritten in the Following Abbreviated Form for $\theta=50^\circ$ and VV Polarization:

where $T_{leaf}^2 = exp(-B_{leaf}^1 \cdot LAI)$

 $T_{\text{stalk}}^2 = \exp(-B_{\text{stalk}}^1 \cdot m_v \cdot h_2)$

and $h_2 = h$, the canopy height

The correlation coefficient ρ_i is the linear correlation between the observed values σ^0 and the predicted values σ^0 for Field i, and $\rho_{\rm all}$ is for all three fields combined. The coefficients were determined through the use of a nonlinear regression program.

Frequency (GHz)	A leaf	A'stalk	Bleaf	B'stalk m²kg ⁻ 1	soil دس ^ع g ⁻¹	⁰ all (N = 69)	$\rho_1 = 21$	ρ_2 (N = 22)	р ₃ (и = 26)
8.6 13.0 17.0	0.1359 0.1697 0.1925	0.01662 0.01783 0.01254	1.046 1.124 0.895	0 0 0	0.2118 0.2094 0.271	0.895 0.885 0.852	0.837 0.900 0.845	0.931 0.899 0.860	0.895 0.928 0.938
35.6	0.2209	0.02487	0.8430	0	0.1451	0.914	0.894	0.938	0.926

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Coefficients for the Sorghum Model Given by Equation (25) Rewritten in the Following Abbreviated Form for θ = 50° and VV Polarization: $can = \sigma_0^0 + \sigma_0^0 + \sigma_0^0$ + Csoil · ms · Tleaf $+A'_{\text{stalk}} \cdot m \cdot h_2$ $= A_{leaf}^{l} [1 - T_{leaf}^{2}]$ TABLE 3

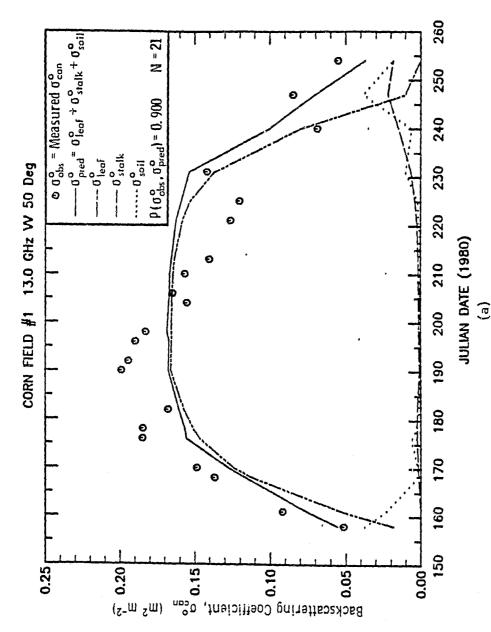
where $r_{leaf}^2 = exp(-B_{leaf}^1 \cdot LAI)$

stalk

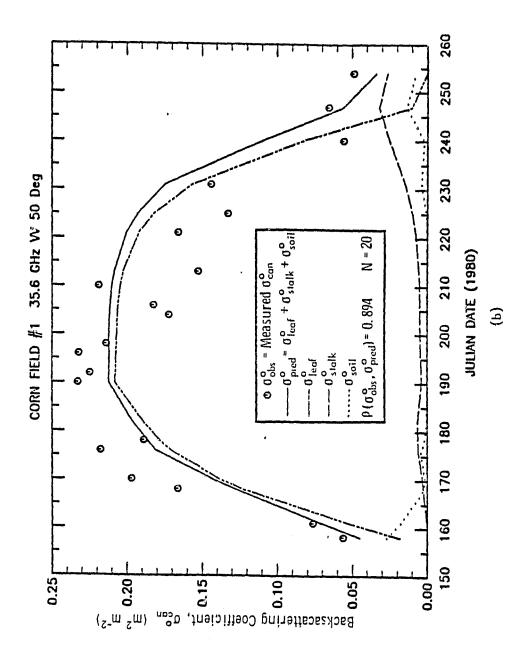
 $T_{\text{stalk}}^2 = \exp(-B_{\text{stalk}}^1 \cdot m_v \cdot h_2)$

The correlation coefficient ρ_i is the linear correlation between the observed values σ^0 and the predicted values σ^0 for Field i, and ρ_{all} is for all three fields combined. Obs The coefficients were determined through the use of a nonlinear regression program. and $h_2 = h$, the canopy height

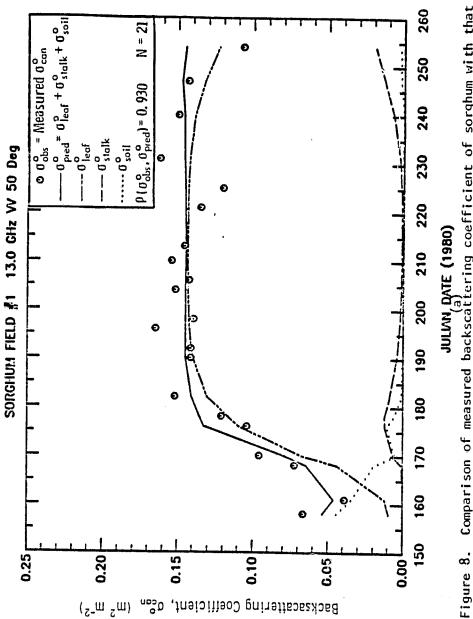
$^{p}_{3}$ (N = 27)	8 56	. 533	.954	.941
ρ_2 (N = 23)	. 917	.929	.938	.963
$\rho_1 \qquad \qquad (N = 21)$	946	.929	.953	.930
P _{all} (11 = 71)	.890	.925	.943	.936
Csoil cm³ g-1	.1626	.1765	.1568	.07712
B'staik m²kg ⁻¹	0	0	0	0
B leaf	1.057	.9628	.8816	1.446
A'stalk	.1187	.1125	.1357	.03348
A leaf	.1120	.1442	.1579	. 1688
Frequency (GHz)	8.6	13.0	17.0	35.6



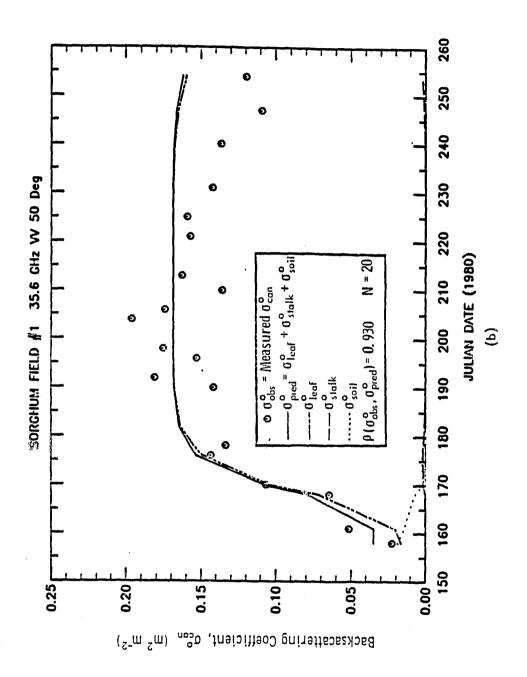
Comparison of measured backscattering coefficient of corn with that computed using Eq. (25) at (a) 13.0 GHz and (b) 35.6 GHz, 50° incidence angle, and VV polarization. Figure 7.



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Comparison of measured backscattering coefficient of sorghum with that computed using Eq. (25) at (a) 13.0 GHz and (b) 35.6 GHz, 50° incidence angle, and VV polarization. Figure 8.



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at which the LAI reaches its peak value. It has been suggested that the optical transmission properties of leaves change in magnitude as the plant enters the senescence phase. The same may be true for the microwave part of the spectrum, but no data exists at present to support such a hypothesis.

6.2 Wheat

Wheat has a significantly different geometry from that of corn or sorghum, thereby necessitating that certain modifications be introduced to the model of the previous section. First, the wheat stalks are much smaller and contain a smaller portion of the total plant water. Hence, the stalk's backscattering contribution will be neglected. Secondly, the size, location, and relative water content of the heads suggest that their backscattering contributions should be accounted for explicitly (rather than being ignored or lumped with the stalks, as was done in the previous section for corn and sorghum). Additionally, since the heads of the wheat plants are above the leaves (Figure 6b), the leaves should not attenuate the backscattering from the head; rather, it should be the other way around. These modifications, plus some others discussed below, lead to the expression

$$\sigma_{can}^{o}(\theta) = \sigma_{leaf}^{o}(\theta) + \sigma_{head}^{o}(\theta) + \sigma_{soll}^{o}(\theta)$$

$$= A_{leaf} \cdot LAI[1 - T_{leaf}^{2}(\theta)] T_{head}^{2} \cos \theta$$

$$+ A_{head}^{o}(\theta) \cdot M_{head}$$

$$+ C_{soll}^{o}(\theta) m_{s} T_{leaf}^{2}(\theta) T_{head}^{2}(\theta)$$

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where $T_{leaf}^{2}(\theta)$ is given by (22), M_{head} is the head blomass in kg m⁻², and

$$T_{\text{head}}^2(\theta) = \exp(-2 B_{\text{head}} M_{\text{head}} \sec \theta).$$
 (27)

The coefficient of the σ_{leaf}^0 term is (A_{leaf} • LAI), which is somewhat equivalent to (12) with x = 1. This form is used, rather than simply Aleaf, because it resulted in significantly better agreement between the measured and predicted values of $\sigma_{ extsf{can}}^{ extsf{o}}$ for wheat (as discussed in more detail in the next section).

The field measurements did not include direct measurements of the head's biomass, Mhead; therefore, an estimate was needed. If the plant is assumed to be fully developed before heading takes place, then the dry weight due to the leaves and stalks should remain constant for the period during and after heading (assuming no leaves fall off the plant). Any change in dry weight after the onset of heading will therefore be directly related to the development of the head. This reasoning leads to:

$$M_{\text{head}}(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } t < t_0; & \text{to = heading date} \\ W_{\text{d}}(t) - W_{\text{d}}(t_0), & \text{for } t > t_0 \end{cases}$$
 (28)

where W_d is the total plant dry biomass in Kg m $^{-2}$. For the fields observed in 1979, $t_0 = 136$ (May 16, 1979).

Following a determination of the values of the five coefficients employed in the model (see Table 4), plots were generated to compare $\sigma_{\rm pred}^{\rm o}$ to $\sigma_{\rm obs}^{\rm o}$. Examples are shown in Figures 9a and 9b for 13 GHz and 35.6 GHz, respectively. In both cases, the model provides a good fit to the measured data, and indicates that the backscatter is almost

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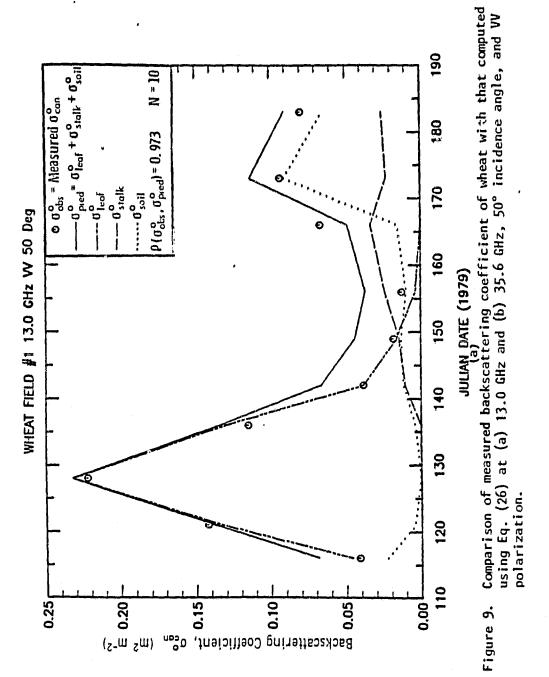
Coefficients for the Wheat Model Given by Eq. (26), Rewritten in the Following Abbreviated Form for $\theta = 50^\circ$ and VV Pofarization:

$\sigma^0 = \sigma^0 + \sigma^0 + \sigma^0$ can leaf head soil	= A_{leaf} · LAI (1 - T_{leaf}^2) T_{lead}^2	+ Ahead head	+ C _{soil} m · T ² · Teaf · Thead	where $T_{leaf}^2 = exp (-B_{leaf}^1 \cdot LAI)$	$T_{head}^2 = exp \left(-B_{head}^1 \cdot H_{head}^1\right)$
				where T	T. T.

Frequency (GH2)	Aleaf	Ahead	^B leaf	B'ad head m² kg ⁻¹	Soil cm³ g⁻¹	P ₁ (N = 10)	P_2 (N = 8)
9.8	0.0202	0.1062	1.1704	3.980	1.290	0.776	0.844
13.0	0.0267	0.0650	0.7480	2.778	0.8050	0.973	0.847
17.0	0.0297	0.0460	0.5530		0.5813	0.949	0.958
35.6	0.0348	0.0138	0.2228	1.284	0.2023	0.978	0.879

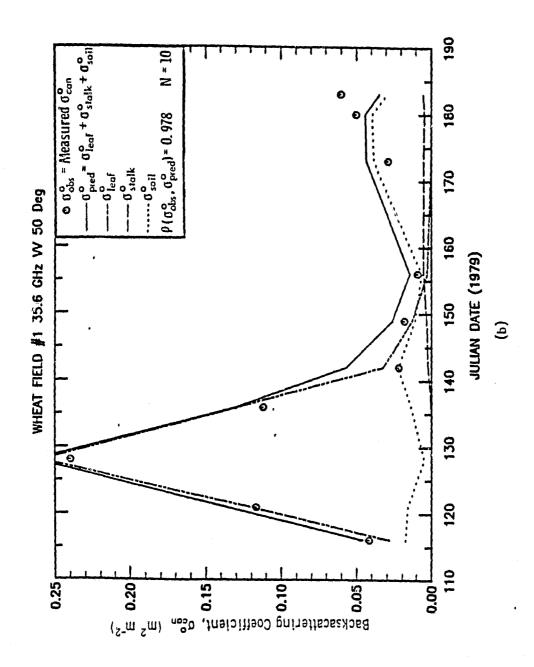
The coefficients were determined through the use of a nonlinear regression program. The correlation coefficient ρ_i defines the linear correlation between the observed values σ^0 and the predicted values σ^0 for Field i.

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exclusively due to the leaves between Julian days 120 and 155. After Julian day 155, green LAI goes to zero, and the observed backscatter becomes due entirely to the heads and the soil surface.

7.0 APPROXIMATE FORM IN TERMS OF LAI

The models discussed in the previous section appear to agree well with experimental observations, which makes them useful tools for evaluating the sensitivity of the radar backscattering coefficient to the physical parameters of the plant canopy and soil surface. From an applications standpoint, however, radar would be far more useful if the backscattering coefficient it measures could be used to estimate a single, but important, physical parameter of the canopy, such as green LAI. The conclusions arrived at in the previous section relevant to the temporal "signature" of $\sigma_{\rm can}^0$ may be summarized as follows:

- (a) During the early stage of growth (short plants and LAI < 0.5), the magnitude of $\sigma_{\rm can}^0$ may be affected, even dominated, by soil-moisture conditions.
- (b) During the stage of growth characterized by LAI > 0.5, $\sigma_{\rm can}^{\rm o}$ is dominated by the leaf contributions. Honge, $\sigma_{\rm can}^{\rm o}$ \cong $\sigma_{\rm leaf}^{\rm o}$ for LAI \geq 0.5.
- (c) During the stage of growth prior to harvest and LA/ < 0.5, $\sigma_{\rm can}^{\rm o}$ is dominated by the soil and stalk contributions for corn and sorghum, and by the soil and head contributions for wheat.

Based on the above conclusions, the models may be simplified as presented in the next sections.

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7.1 Corn and Sorchum

Ignoring the presence of the stalks in the canopy, (22) and (25) may be combined and simplified to:

$$\sigma_{can}^{o}(\theta) = A_{leaf}^{i} + S(\theta) \exp(-B_{leaf}^{i} \cdot LAI)$$
 (29)

where:

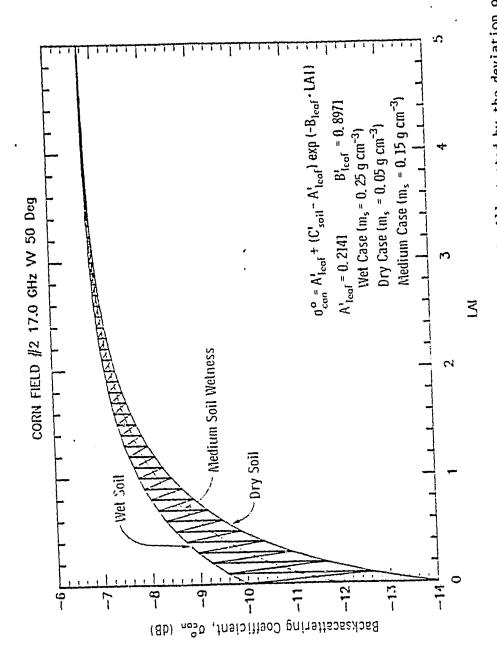
$$B_{leaf} = 2 B_{leaf} \sec \theta$$
 (30)

$$S(\theta) = \begin{cases} C_{SOII}(\theta) & m_S - A_{leaf} \\ C_{SOII}(\theta) - A_{leaf} \\ \end{cases}, \text{ for LAI > 0.5}$$
 (31)

In (32), $C_{SOII}^1 = C_{SOII} \cdot \tilde{m}_s$, where \tilde{m}_s is some representative value of the mean soil moisture content. It may be taken as $\tilde{m}_s = 0.20 \text{ g cm}^3$. For LAI > 0.5, the soil contribution may be assumed to be a constant (rather than ignored), thereby simplifying σ_{Can}^0 to the point where it becomes a function of only one variable: green LAI. The effect of soil moisture variations on σ_{Can}^0 is illustrated in Figure 10, which shows the range of values that σ_{Can}^0 may take in response to a change in soil moisture content from 0.05 g cm⁻³, representing relatively dry conditions, to 0.25 g cm⁻³, representing relatively wet conditions. Clearly, soil moisture variations are important only if LAI is small.

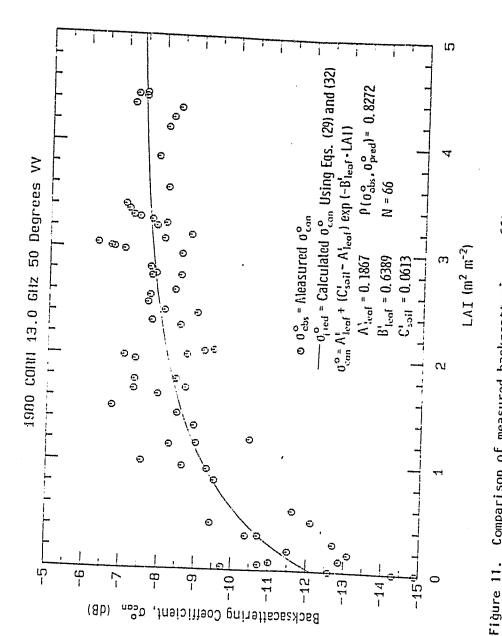
Figures 11 and 12 present experimental observations of σ_{Cafi}^0 for corn and sorghum, respectively, plotted as a function of LAI. In each case, the data includes all observations made over the season for all three fields of that crop type. Also shown are plots of the single-parameter (LAI) model (as defined by (29) and (32)) fitted to the

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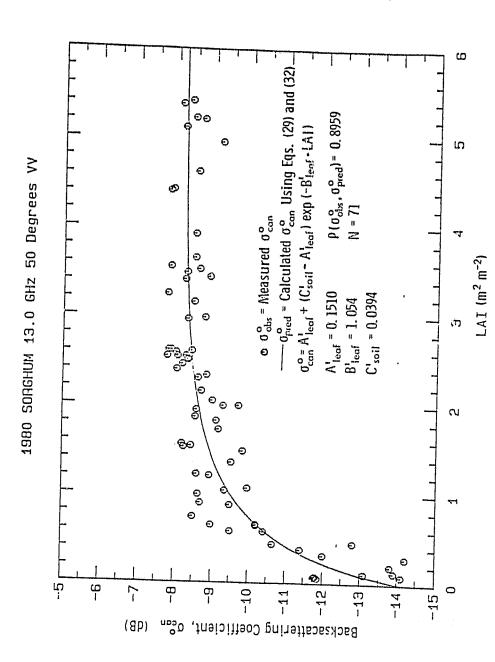
The effect of soil moisture variation is illustrated by the deviation of σ^0_{can} from the curve designated "medium soil wetness." Figure 10.

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Comparison of measured backscattering coefficient of corn with that computed on the basis of the single-parameter (LAI) model.

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Comparison of measured backscattering coefficient of sorghum with that computed on the basis of the single-parameter (LAI) model. Figure 12.

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data. The observed scattering is due to several sources, including: (a) sensor measurement precision, estimated to be about $\pm i$ dB, (b) soil moisture variations, (c) errors associated with the measurement of LAI, and (d) within-field and between-field variations that are not accounted for by the model or the data.

7.2 Wheat

For wheat, a single-parameter model (in terms of LAI) may be written in the form:

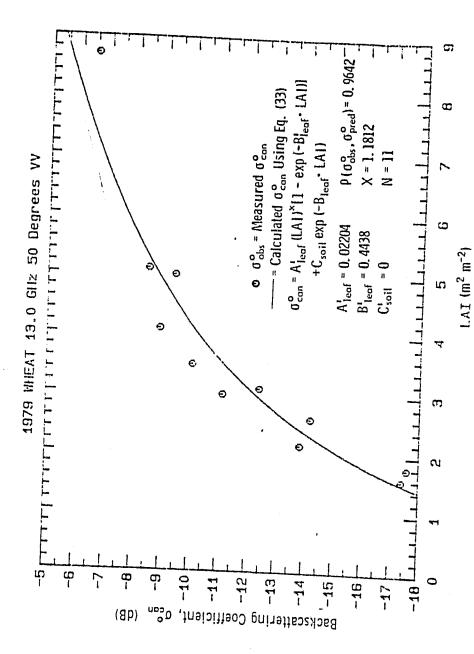
$$\sigma_{\text{caf.}}^{\text{O}}(\theta) = A_{\text{leaf}}(\text{LAI})^{\times} \left[1 - \exp(-B_{\text{leaf}}^{\dagger} \cdot \text{LAI})\right] + C_{\text{soil}}(\theta) \exp(-B_{\text{leaf}}^{\dagger} \cdot \text{LAI}),$$
for LAI > 0.5

which reduces to the combination of (29) and (31) if x=0. Actually, this form was used in the non-linear regression program for all three crops, but the exponent, x, was assigned a value of zero or very close to zero by the program in each and every case for all the corn and sorghum data sets. For wheat, on the other hand, x was assigned a value between 0.7 and 1.4, depending on the frequency and polarization combination. The goodness of fit of (33) to the measured data is illustrated in Fig. 13.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS

By extending the canopy cloud model of Attema and Ulaby (1978) from its initial consideration of the canopy as a single layer with uniform volume scattering and attenuation properties to one consisting of more than one layer, it was possible to examine the relative backscattering

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Comparison of measured backscattering coefficient of wheat with the computed on the basis of the single-parameter (LAI) model. Figure 13.

contributions of the leaves, stalks, and heads (of wheat). The analysis of radar backscattering data measured at an incidence angle of 50° and microwave frequencies of 8.6, 13.0, 17.0, and 35.6 GHz indicates that the backscattering coefficient of the canopy is dominated by the leaf contribution if green LAI is greater than approximately 0.5 for corn and sorghum and if, additionally, the heads have not yet appeared (for wheat). During the early stage of growth, a soil backscattering contribution may be very important, and for the end-period prior to harvest, the backscattering contributions of the soil and the stalks are important for sorghum and corn, and of the heads and soil for wheat. A simplified version of the model was developed in terms of a single parameter: green LAI.

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APPENDIX A

DATA DOCUMENTATION

Observed values of the backscattering coefficients and ground-truth values.

VARIABLE	UNITS	DESCRIPTION
SIGMA O	dB	backscattering coefficient measured, pol = VV, θ = 50° (missing value represented by 0)
Plant Height	m	canopy height
Plant Water	kg m ⁻³	volumetric normalized plant water content
Soil Moisture	g cm ⁻³	volumetric soil moisture
Leaf Area Index	m ² m ⁻²	green leaf area index
Plant Dry Mass	kg m ⁻²	total canopy dry biomass per square meter
Leaf Wet Mass	kg m ⁻²	fresh mass of leaves per square meter
Leaf Dry Mass	kg m ⁻²	dried mass of leaves per square meter
Stalk Wet Mass	kg m ⁻²	fresh mass of stalks per square meter
Stalk Dry Mass	kg m ⁻²	dried mass of stalks per square meter

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